build-up due to slowing down of sales on account of steep increase in prices after decontrol of phosphatic fertilizers.

391. [*Transferred to 5th May*, 1993]

Manufacture of Glucose Saline

392. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government controlled firms are licenced to manufacture Glucose Saline, if so, the names of the companies;

(b) whether Government have fixed prices for the wholesalers|distributors and retailers of the glucose saline; if so, what are the company-wise, category-wise details of the prices;

(c) whether it is a fact that these prices vary from State to State; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Two Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers are engaged in the manufacture of I. V. Fluids. These are Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri, Pune and Bengal Immunity Limited, Calcutta.

(b) Glucose Saline is not price-controlled. The manufacturers fix the price themselves.

(c) and (d) The two Public Sectors companies, namely, Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. and Bengal Immunity Ltd., follow uniform price structure for the whole of the country. However, the rates quoted against tenders|enquiries may vary from State to State on commercial considerations depending on the volume of business, payment terms etc.

Antibiotics under/outside price control

393. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the antibiotics which are produced in the country are under price control whereas most of the antibiotics which are imported are outside the price control;

(b) what are names of the antibiotics under the outside price control and what was sales, turnover of each during the last three years; yearwise,

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is being done to deplete country's foreign exchange by enabling the multinationals to import at high prices from their holding companies abroad or their connected sources;

(d) whether any study of such cases has been carried out and if so, what are the findings thereof;

(e) what are the details of such antibiotics which are exclusively imported but have been kept outside the price control; and

(f) what are their import and its value during the last two years including 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of antibiotics which are under price control are given in Statement-I Other antibiotics cleared by Drug Controller (India) from time to time are outside price control.